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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim to foreign priority and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document was received.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing the references listed on form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 14, 2001.

Claims 1-13 have been examined. Claims 1-6 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Segawa (U.S. Publication 2002/0032037). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the following basis.

Applicant submits that the Segawa reference is not prior art against this application as its filing date of November 21, 2001 is after the application's priority date of March 15, 2000 (JP Patent Application No. 2000-071657). Accompanying this Amendment is a verified English